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REMARKS

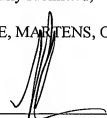
In the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-9, 12-26 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Pierpont (U.S. Patent No. 1,177,208). However, in the Office Action, the Examiner did indicate that claims 10, 11 and 27-30 were directed to allowable subject matter. By this paper, the Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 12 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 10 along with subject matter of intervening claims and the Applicant therefore submits that Claims 1 and 12 are allowable. Moreover, the Applicant has also amended Claim 22 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 27. Hence, the Applicant believes that Claim 22 is also now allowable over the art of record. The remaining claims define additional patentable subject matter and are further allowable due to their respective dependencies on Claims 1, 12 and 22. Hence, the above-captioned application is in condition for allowance and the Applicant requests the prompt allowance of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

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